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CLUB NOTES

THERE WAS a happier feeling at Deepdale after the match with Derby County, even though another home point was lost. Coming as leaders in the promotion race, the visitors provided keen and strong opposition and proved to be quite a capable side from back to front, despite difficult playing conditions.

The pitch, after a night's hard frost which continued during the morning, offered only a precarious foothold, being slippery in many places, and of course it was the same for both sides. The players tackled these problems with confidence, the majority cheerfully taking risks. In the circumstances a surprisingly good match was seen.

It was a pity there were not more spectators there to enjoy it. The crowd was under 13,000, 5,223 fewer than saw the corresponding match last April and 4,556 down on the Bolton match a month ago and 12 months earlier. No doubt the cold weather and tricky roads kept some away, and recent lapses did not help.

But considering that Derby's visit was one of our more attractive fixtures, the attendance, which was our second lowest this season at a League match, regrettably reflected apathy. The aggregate for the first 12 home games is down by 1,000 a match, the comparative figures being 173,810 for this season and 186,609 last season, a difference of 12,799.

Basing a comparison on corresponding matches there is also a decline. The increases total 11,205 and the decreases, substituting relegated Fulham for promoted Queen's Park, 15,044, which leaves us with 4,019 on the debit side.

People not at the Derby match missed a spirited, lively display of good football which was exciting and full of incidents, with good saves and escapes at both ends. It ended in the sixth draw of the season at Deepdale, neither side scoring.

IMPROVEMENT

Despite the loss of these points, and four more through two home defeats, North End were five points better off than at the same stage last season:

	1967–1968							1968–1969						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Home	12	4	4	4	18	17	12	12	4	6	2	13	12	14
Away	11	2	2	7	9	24	6	11	3	3	5	8	13	9
	23	6	6	11	27	41	18	23	7	9	7	21	25	23

We have scored six fewer goals (not because of any lack of chances, but through not taking advantage of them) but conceded a lot less than when the team ran into relegation trouble last autumn.

A study of the results with those of the corresponding matches of last season (with relegated Sheffield United and Fulham in place of Ipswich Town and Queen's Park, and promoted Bury and Oxford substituted for Plymouth and Rotherham) is also interesting. Our net gains total six points.

Home: Gains 6 Losses 5
Profit – one point
Goals:
1967/1968 1968/1969
13–12 19–17

Away: Gains 7 Losses 2
Profit – five points
Goals:
1967/1968 1968/1969
8–13 6–25

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From the Manager's Chair

HOW I SEE IT

by North End manager
BOBBY SEITH

IT HAS BEEN a pleasure to hear so many people saying how much they enjoyed our game with Derby County. I am told this has been fairly general in the town. At least a cheerful change from the previous fortnight.

I can assure you supporters that it does players good to get a pat on the back occasionally. For if they are conscientious and want to do well, which applies to North End, they do not need telling when they have been off-key or things have gone badly.

We dropped a home point. Yet very few of the fans seem to have grumbled. They accepted that disappointment because it was an entertaining game, with their team wanting the ball, going for it, and usually doing something advantageous with it, such as creating scoring chances.

There were plenty of these among all the other exciting incidents which held everybody's attention. It was really incredible, once or twice, that we did not score. Personally I thought North End deserved to win, and that it was a pity after all the good football they played and the wholehearted effort put into it that we got only one point. Brian Clough, the manager of Derby, who thought well of our team after the first contest, is still of that opinion.

Derby without doubt looked a very competent and efficient side, well organised at the back and purposeful when moving forward. There was a pretty shrewd link-up throughout the team. I liked the absence of gamesmanship from their play and the rarity of an intended foul. This was said of their Reserves at Deepdale the previous week, and it is a credit to the club.

Fouls, mainly of a technical character, were difficult to avoid in the League match because of the extremely difficult condition of the frostbound pitch, which was treacherous in places. In the circumstances the quality of the football provided by both sides, despite the precarious foothold, was all the more admirable. Consequently we saw a keen, clean and sporting encounter.

I was very pleased with the contribution of our two young newcomers, Alec Spark and Ricky Heppolette. Both acquitted themselves well and played with infectious confidence. This was the more encouraging on account of the state of the pitch. It was a trying baptism for a youngster, and both these boys are only 19, but neither showed any nervousness or any sign of being subdued by the occasion. They fought for the ball and both played with tremendous enthusiasm.

The experience will have taught them something, not least on how to pace a game and conserve energy. A pleasing reflection was that Heppolette's muscle trouble seems to have been overcome. He had no complaints about his old enemy, cramp, and he lasted the full 90 minutes, a good sign.

How unfortunate it was that Jim McNab had to go off with a knee injury after fitting in at left back as I believed he would. And what a hoodoo there is on this position for North End, with John Ritchie off the rota for so long, then Jim Smith injured, and now McNab. This brings me to another point—the discouraging reception of Archie Gemmill when he came on as substitute.

A section of the crowd started booing him before he even got out of his track suit. This, I thought, was disgraceful. Surely a lad is entitled to a fair chance. That sort of attitude is so senseless. It can never help any team, much less the individual singled out for abuse. I do appeal to spectators to see that no North End player ever gets such harsh treatment again.

Gemmill, to his credit, brushed it off and must have won over some of his critics by his grit and the adaptability he showed in a role so strange to him. He played hard and well. He hardly ever wasted a ball. In fact he rather stole the thunder judging by the applause his efforts earned.

But not every individual has Archie's fighting spirit. There are players who would have been put right off by such a reception and been too scared to go for the ball in case they made a mistake. I repeat: it does no good at all to give any player the "bird." He feels it, and it upsets his colleagues too.

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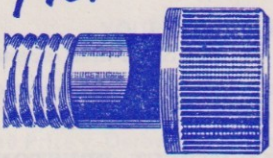

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NORTH END CHRISTMAS PARTY

Players, with their wives and girl-friends, pictured enjoying themselves at the Cavendish Club last week

OUR VISITORS

THIS IS only the third visit of Millwall to Deepdale in more than 30 years due to the South-East London club being in a different division from 1934 until their promotion as runners-up to Hull City three years ago. We heartily welcome their directors, players and supporters.

Millwall have had their ups and downs since our two clubs parted company in 1934, North End going into the First Division and Millwall into the Third. There they spent all but three seasons until the South and North sections were replaced by the new Third and Fourth Divisions in 1958. It was Millwall's misfortune that this innovation coincided with their worst season.

Finishing at the bottom of the Southern Section with Exeter City (both 31 points), they had to fight back from Division Four, and did so in four years, as champions. Two years later they returned but climbed out in one season. The mood for conquest persisted with the result that a single campaign sufficed to restore their former Second Division status. Their aim now is Division One.

Three times they have started well, only to tail off in the first two seasons and finish eighth and seventh, each time with 45 points. Millwall have kept in the running this season with a stronger challenge. Their away record (six wins, two draws) is one of the best in the League.

This is their ninth appearance at Deepdale, where they have both lost and won four times, scoring 13 goals to 15. At Millwall their League record against us in five wins, three draws and one defeat, which was in October, 1930, by the remarkable score of 5–7—a dozen goals for a "bob!"

It was such a cold day that both teams ran the harder to keep warm. North End's seven goals in this premature winter carnival were scored by Alec Reid (2), Tom Scott (2) and centre forward Ned Owen (3). The left wing, Jimmy McClelland and George Harrison, were twitted about being frozen out.

Altogether North End's League record against Millwall is P17, W5, D3, L9, Goals 26–33, Pts 13. It was improved by this season's 0–0 draw at the Den. We have had four other games at Millwall, the first a friendly as long ago as 1891, which we won 3–0. The "Lions" gained an amazing revenge four years later, beating a team with a good reputation by 9–1. The only excuse Preston had was that of being without famous goalkeeper James Trainer, who had ribs broken the preceding week.

Founded in 1885 as Millwall Rovers, the club took a leading part in founding the Southern League and figured conspicuously in it from 1894 to 1920, as well as achieving fame in the F.A. Cup. In this competition we lost at Millwall in 1903 and won there in 1948. Millwall set up a League record by not conceding a goal in 11 successive matches, and recently created another by avoiding defeat in 59 consecutive League games at home, spread over three seasons.

Pen Pictures

Bryan KING *(goalkeeper).* An unusually tall (6-ft. 2-in.) recruit signed two years ago from Chelmsford City when he was 19. Regarded as a good prospect. Born Bishops Stortford.

Johnny GILCHRIST *(right back).* A shrewd campaigner in his eighth season. A Scot, born at Wishaw, played for his country when a schoolboy and joined Millwall from Airdrie in 1961.

Harry CRIPPS *(left back).* A Londoner, born Plaistow 27 years ago. Well versed in Millwall's ways, this being his eighth season at the Den, too. Previously with West Ham United.

George JACKS *(right half).* Belongs to Stepney and familiar with the London football scene, having joined Millwall in July, 1965, aged 20, from Queen's Park Rangers. Utility man.

Barry KITCHENER *(centre half).* Promising 20-year-old of fine physique, who progressed through Millwall's colts after earning honours with his native Dagenham's school team.

Dennis BURNETT *(left half).* Born Bermondsey, London, and now 23. He was a 17-year-old full back when he turned professional. Signed for Millwall at the start of last season.

Derek POSSEE *(outside right).* Adds to the London flavour in Millwall's team through being born at Southwark 22 years ago. Cost their record fee when transferred from 'Spurs, August, 1967.

Gordon BOLLAND *(inside right).* Recent acquisition from neighbouring Charlton Athletic, with whom he could not get a regular place last season. Previously with Norwich. Born Boston.

Bryan CONLON *(centre forward).* Born Shildon, County Durham. Aged 25. Signed November, 1967. Formerly with Newcastle, South Shields, Horden Colliery and Darlington. Ten League goals last term.

Keith WELLER *(inside left).* Last season's top scorer with 14 in 41 League games. Born Islington in 1944. Signed by Millwall from Tottenham Hotspur in May, 1967, for a hefty fee.

Billy NEIL *(outside left).* A Scot from Roslin, Midlothian, where he was born 23 years ago. At the Den since March, 1964, after playing for Bonnyrigg Rose and Edinburgh Hibs.

← MILLWALL FOOTBALL CLUB (1968-1969)

Back row (left to right): J. Gilchrist, H. Cripps, K. Jones, B. King, B. Kitchener, D. Burnett, L. Nicholls.

Front row (left to right): R. Plume, D. Possee, K. Weller, B. Conlon, G. Jacks, W. Neil, E. Dunphy.

MILLWALL

FOCUS on GERRY INGRAM

OUR TALL, fair-haired, well-built inside left Gerry Ingram has not been in League football long enough to have had many big moments, but one he likes to remember was when North End defeated Hull City at Deepdale last October by the only goal.

His pleasure was understandable. Hull is his birthplace (born August 19th, 1947) and after playing in the town's school team he had a spell with Hull City juniors. But it was from Hull Brunswick, not Hull City, that he joined his first League club, namely Blackpool.

That was as recently as April, 1967, and as a centre forward. He was manager Stan Mortensen's first signing, and he repaid this confidence in his promise by finishing the season as the seaside club's joint leading League scorer with 18 goals in 30 appearances. Skirton got 18 too.

On the strength of this highly promising achievement, plus other things in his favour, North End signed him last September, paying a considerable fee, and he has been a regular choice in the first team without, as yet, finding the consistent scoring touch he had with Blackpool.

Gerry none the less can be relied upon for 100 per cent effort, which must be partly due to what he says he enjoys most as a player—being on the winning side. His favourite away ground is Boothferry Park, the reason (not surprisingly) being, "playing against my home town team!"

Only 21, and unmarried, it is understandable that he has not got himself involved with any business interests. Enough for him to pursue his football ambitions, which include playing in the First Division, and to get pleasant recreation from his leisure time. This he occupies in a natural enough way for a young man by indulging in cricket, snooker and table tennis. He also enjoys reading, driving his Vauxhall Viva, and tucking into steak, fish or chops!

Who wouldn't, at his age? Also young Gerry seems to have both a charitable and philosophic outlook on life, since he does not admit to having ANY pet aversions or hates. He will not lack friends or ever be hard to live with if he manages to keep that way.

Like the majority of footballers, he takes a keen interest in what other clubs and players do. Bobby Charlton and Eusebio are his first and second choices of the most complete professional (Bobby would easily finish top of the poll). He admires Arsenal most as a League club for being very strong, then Manchester City, for their attacking flair. And he still fancies Derby County and P.N.E. for promotion. The League Championship? Gerry plumps for Liverpool. — **W.P.**

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NORTH END FAC

League Division II, 1968-69

1968			1968-9	1967-8	Pts.	Gain	Loss	Attendances 1968-9	Attendances 1967-8
Aug. 10	Middlesbrough	A	1–2	0–5	0	4,664	—	19,014	14,350
,, 14	**F.L. Cup 1st Round, Oldham**	**H**	**1–1**	–	–	—	—	10,287	—
,, 17	Huddersfield Town	H	1–0	3–1	2	—	681	12,673	13,354
,, 21	**F.L. Cup 1st Rd. Replay, Oldham**	**A**	**1–0**	–	–	—	—	4,434	—
,, 24	Cardiff City	A	0–1	0–2	0	—	1,553	11,344	12,897
,, 26	Portsmouth	H	0–0	3–1	1	3,890	—	13,828	9,938
,, 31	Birmingham City	H	4–1	0–0	2	—	2,760	14,112	16,872
Sept. 4	**League Cup 2nd Rd., Crystal P.**	**A**	**1–3**	–	–	—	—	12,594	—
,, 7	Bury	A	1–0	–	2	—	—	10,609	—
,, 14	Charlton Athletic	H	1–1	4–1	1	2,783	—	13,986	11,203
,, 16	Blackpool	A	1–1	1–4	1	10,684	—	27,975	16,291
,, 21	Crystal Palace	A	2–1	0–2	2	5,807	—	13,577	7,770
,, 28	Norwich City	H	1–3	1–0	0	—	258	14,778	15,036
,, 30	Carlisle United	H	2–2	0–2	1	1,503	—	14,984	13,481
Oct. 5	Blackburn Rovers	H	1–1	3–5	1	649	—	20,681	20,032
,, 9	Portsmouth	A	1–1	1–2	1	—	1,042	20,393	21,435
,, 12	Derby County	A	0–1	2–1	0	9,363	—	27,146	17,783
,, 19	Hull City	H	1–0	3–2	2	—	505	13,823	14,328
,, 26	Millwall	A	0–0	0–2	1	6,091	—	15,827	9,736
Nov. 9	Aston Villa	A	1–0	0–1	2	109	—	13,374	13,285
,, 16	Bristol City	H	1–0	0–1	2	2,200	—	12,325	10,125
,, 23	Sheffield United	A	0–4	–	0	—	—	15,969	—
,, 25	Fulham	H	0–0	–	1	—	—	14,730	—
,, 30	Bolton Wanderers	H	1–4	1–1	0	—	4,556	15,242	19,798
Dec. 7	Oxford United	A	1–2	–	0	—	—	7,005	—
,, 14	Derby County	H	0–0	1–1	1	—	5,223	12,648	17,871
,, 20	Hull City	A	–	1–1					14,082
,, 26	Blackburn Rovers	A	–	1–0					20,255
,, 28	Millwall	H	–	0–1					11,445
1969									
Jan. 4	**F.A. Cup 3rd Round**			3–1					—
,, 11	Fulham	A	–	–					—
,, 18	Aston Villa	H	–	2–1					17,043
,, 25	**F.A. Cup 4th Round**			1–3					—
Feb. 1	Bristol City	A	–	1–4					16,935
,, 8	Sheffield United	H	–	–					—
,, 15	Bolton Wanderers	A	–	0–0					14,664
,, 22	Oxford United	H	–	–					—
Mar. 1	Middlesbrough	H	–	0–0					15,229
,, 8	Huddersfield Town	A	–	1–1					10,834
,, 15	Cardiff City	H	–	3–0					13,735
,, 22	Birmingham City	A	–	0–3					27,664
,, 29	Bury	H	–	–					—
April 5	Norwich City	A	–	3–1					18,231
,, 7	Carlisle United	A	–	1–4					11,228
,, 8	Blackpool	H	–	0–2					21,499
,, 12	Crystal Palace	H	–	0–0					13,313
,, 19	Charlton Athletic	A	–	0–0					11,612

Central League, 1968-69

1968			
Aug. 10	Newcastle United	H	3–2
,, 17	Nottingham Forest	A	1–1
,, 20	Everton	A	1–1
,, 24	Coventry City	H	3–1
,, 27	Burnley	A	0–1
,, 31	West Bromwich Albion	A	1–2
Sept. 7	Manchester United	H	2–0
,, 16	Everton	H	0–1
,, 21	Bury	H	3–1
,, 28	Sheffield Wednesday	A	0–1
Oct. 5	Leeds United	A	1–0
,, 12	Blackburn Rovers	H	1–1
,, 14	Leeds United	H	0–0
,, 19	Blackpool	A	0–1
,, 26	Liverpool	H	0–5
Nov. 2	Bolton Wanderers	A	1–2
,, 9	Aston Villa	H	2–2
,, 16	Wolverhampton Wanderers	A	1–0
,, 23	Manchester City	H	2–1
,, 30	Sheffield United	A	2–2
Dec. 7	Derby County	H	3–0
Dec. 21	Blackpool	H	....
,, 28	Liverpool	A	....
1969			
Jan. 4	Stoke City	H	....
,, 11	Bolton Wanderers	H	....
,, 18	Aston Villa	A	....
,, 25	Burnley	H	....
Feb. 1	Wolverhampton Wanderers	H	....
,, 8	Manchester City	A	....
,, 15	Sheffield United	H	....
,, 22	Derby County	A	....
Mar. 1	Newcastle United	A	....
,, 8	Nottingham Forest	H	....
,, 14	Coventry City	A	....
,, 22	West Bromwich Albion	H	....
,, 29	Manchester United	A	....
April 5	Sheffield Wednesday	H	....
,, 8	Stoke City	A	....
,, 12	Bury	A	....
,, 19	Huddersfield Town	H	....
—	Huddersfield Town	A	....
—	Blackburn Rovers	A	....

TS AND FIGURES

North End Appearances and Goals, 1968-69

Football League, Division II—P23, W7, D9, L7, Goals F21, A25, Pts 23

	G	RB	LB	RH	CH	LH	OR	IR	CF	IL	OL	Total
Alan KELLY	23	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	23
Bert PATRICK	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
George ROSS	—	18	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20
John RITCHIE	—	—	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16
Jim SMITH	—	—	3	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12
John BRIGHT	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Alec SPARK	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Graham HAWKINS	—	—	—	—	23	—	—	—	—	—	—	23
Ken KNIGHTON	—	—	—	—	—	19	—	1	—	3	—	23
Jim McNAB	—	—	1	13	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	17
Richard HEPPOLETTE	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
David WILSON	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	—	—	—	1	16
David HUGHES	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	3
Alan SPAVIN	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	—	—	—	18
Willie IRVINE	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	22	—	—	22
Gerry INGRAM	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	17	—	18
George LYALL	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	2	—	5
Archie GEMMILL	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	5	7
Derek TEMPLE	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	8	13
Frank LEE	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	9
Total	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	

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LEAGUE DIVISION II

(up to and including 14th December)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	A.	Pts
Derby County	22	10	9	3	25	12	29
Cardiff City	23	12	4	7	41	31	28
Crystal Palace	23	12	4	7	41	31	28
Middlesborough	22	12	4	6	33	24	28
Millwall	23	11	5	7	37	26	27
Hull City	23	9	9	5	36	27	27
Charlton Athletic	23	9	9	5	33	30	27
Huddersfield Town	23	10	5	8	32	20	25
Bolton Wanderers	23	8	8	7	35	28	24
Blackburn Rovers	23	9	6	8	27	26	24
Carlisle United	23	8	8	7	28	29	24
Blackpool	23	7	9	7	28	20	23
Portsmouth	23	7	9	7	31	27	23
Preston North End	23	7	9	7	21	25	23
Sheffield United	22	9	4	9	30	27	22
Norwich City	23	8	6	9	30	29	22
Birmingham City	23	9	2	12	42	42	20
Bury	22	7	6	10	32	46	18
Bristol City	23	3	10	10	16	30	16
Oxford United	23	5	6	12	18	32	16
Aston Villa	23	3	8	12	18	37	14
Fulham	23	3	8	12	23	42	14

CENTRAL LEAGUE

(up to and including 14th December)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	A.	Pts
Manchester United	23	15	6	2	43	22	36
Liverpool	23	14	6	3	43	12	34
Burnley	24	10	7	7	36	30	27
West Bromwich Albion	22	11	4	7	37	26	26
Newcastle United	21	11	4	6	30	22	26
Everton	23	10	4	9	20	25	24
Wolverhampton W.	22	8	7	7	29	28	23
Preston North End	21	8	6	7	27	25	22
Stoke City	20	8	6	6	23	13	22
Manchester City	21	11	0	10	35	30	22
Nottingham Forest	20	7	7	6	35	31	21
Bury	22	9	3	10	28	35	21
Leeds United	22	6	9	7	20	25	21
Sheffield United	21	7	7	7	37	22	21
Aston Villa	22	7	6	9	27	35	20
Sheffield Wednesday	22	7	6	9	25	28	20
Huddersfield Town	22	9	2	11	30	41	20
Blackpool	23	6	6	11	42	48	18
Bolton Wanderers	22	7	3	12	24	39	17
Blackburn Rovers	22	5	5	12	39	44	15
Derby County	21	3	9	9	18	29	15
Coventry City	21	1	7	13	15	38	9

F. A. Cup-Tie 3rd Round—Saturday, 4th January, 1969

PRESTON NORTH END v. NOTTINGHAM FOREST

Tickets will be issued in advance for All Stands and the Pavilion Paddock only for this Match, details as under:—

Ground, 5/- (Juveniles 2/6), Cash at the Stiles. West Paddocks, South and North, 6/- (Juveniles 3/-), Cash at the Stiles. Pavilion Paddock, 6/-, by Ticket only (no half price). West Stand, 8/6, by Ticket only (no half price). South Pavilion, 9/6 by Ticket only (no half price). Pavilion Stand, 11/6, by Ticket only (no half price).

Holders of Reserved Seats will be allotted their own seats. Holders of West Stand Unreserved Season Tickets may apply for Tickets in that Portion.

Holders of Ground and Paddock Season Tickets may apply for Pavilion Paddock Tickets at 6/-.

SEASON TICKET HOLDERS ONLY may make Postal application for Tickets as detailed above, applications to reach Deepdale by Friday, the 20th December, with details of Tickets required, remittance, stamped envelope and Coupon Number 55.

SEASON TICKET HOLDERS may make personal application for Tickets on Sunday, 29th December, between the hours of 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. as under:—

Pavilion, South Pavilion and West Stand Tickets obtainable at the West Stand Office.

Paddock and Ground Season Ticket Holders may obtain Pavilion Paddock Tickets at Town End Ground Stiles 9 and 10.

BALANCE OF SOUTH PAVILION, WEST STAND and PAVILION PADDOCK TICKETS will be on sale on Sunday, 29th December, from 10 a.m. until such time as all tickets are sold, details as under:—

South Pavilion and West Stand Tickets will be on sale from the South Pavilion Turnstiles. (One per person).

Pavilion Paddock Tickets will be on sale from Stiles 5 and 6, Town End Ground Stiles. (One per person).

For Adult Ground Season Ticket Holders not wishing to buy Pavilion Paddock Tickets, the usual Ground Season Ticket Stiles will be open on the day of the Match (FOR ADULTS ONLY). Admission 5/- plus Coupon 55.

The Preston North End F.C. hope you find this programme both informative and interesting, and we wish to acknowledge the co-operation of the *Lancashire Evening Post* for allowing us to publish photographs taken by their Staff Photographers.

MILLWALL QUIZ

1—What were Millwall formerly called?

2—Their new official strip is white from top to toe. What were their former colours?

3—What is the club's connection, if slight, with the reign of Queen Elizabeth I?

4—Why were Millwall originally well-named?

5—Why are they usually mentioned when Cup giant-killing feats are recalled?

6—Which manager will always be associated with Millwall?

Answers on page 17

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Today's Personalities

Man at the Helm

BENNY FENTON

(Millwall's Manager)

BENNY FENTON is a Cockney who has spent his long and distinguished career entirely with clubs in London and the Home Counties. He started as a 17-year-old professional with West Ham before the war and his first contact with Millwall, where he now reigns supreme, was in 1945 when he was transferred to them as a budding inside-forward.

Charlton paid £6,000 for him in January, 1947, and while with them he converted to wing-half, the position in which most fans best remember him. He became Colchester United's player-manager in 1955 and it was his grand inspiration that transformed a group of quite ordinary players into a respectable Third Division side. But, my, how Benny used to anger the crowds with his shouting, gesticulating and boundless energy when playing away! And I'm sure he enjoyed every moment of it!

Fenton was appointed manager of Leyton Orient in October, 1963, shortly after they had lost their First Division place. Brisbane Road was a depressing place then: the club was dangerously debt-ridden, the spirit was low and it needed more than Benny's tremendous enthusiasm to revive it. The necessary backing wasn't forthcoming and he left after only 13 months.

He took charge of Millwall in May, 1966, and has now built a team which is a hot favourite for promotion. Benny, who has experienced most of the ups and downs in this hurly-burly world of football, contends: "If you are to be a good manager you mustn't worry about losing leisure hours. You've got to put your back into the work and can't bother about hobbies or outside interests."

Man in the Middle

ALAN GREEN (Sheffield)

REFEREES come to accept, with good humour, the many jibes directed at them from the terraces, but no one can ever justify any unkind jokes about fitness flung at ALAN GREEN, today's referee. He's one of the fittest referees in the business.

A schoolmaster specialising in physical education, Mr. Green has played most sports. A few years ago he was a prominent sprinter and hurdler in the Yorkshire, Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire areas and he still maintains his interest in field events by coaching and judging during the summer months.

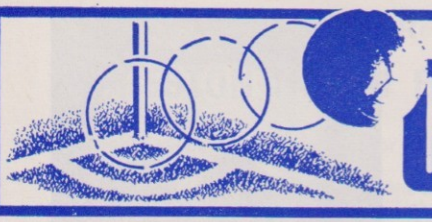
He coaches many sports, including basketball, hockey, swimming . . . "even rugby," he smiled with a faint trace of guilt.

"I believe that all referees should set out to attain absolute peak physical fitness," he says. "I try to be on the spot for all decisions."

It was a temporary knee injury while at a physical education college that set Mr. Green on the road to a refereeing career. "I began refereeing just to keep in touch with the game," he said.

He moved up through the East Derbyshire League to the Yorkshire League and became a Football League linesman in 1964. This is his first season "in the middle."

When not following one of his sporting pursuits Mr. Green, who is married and lives in Sheffield, enjoys nothing better than a spot of gardening or woodwork.



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NORTH END IN ACTION

Goalmouth scene v. Derby County. Alan Kelly saves, with Graham Hawkins and Jim McNab looking on.

QUIZ ANSWERS

1—Millwall Athletic, and before that, Millwall Rovers.
2—Blue and white striped shirts, blue shorts, and previously navy blue shirts, with white collars and cuffs, white pants.
3—The original team played on Millwall docks, in that part of London known as The Isle of Dogs, so called because Elizabeth, when in residence at Greenwich Palace, kept her hunting dogs there. across the River Thames.
4—Until 1910, when once more crossing the river to settle at the Den, New Cross, they were regularly roving in search of a suitable ground, playing on four in 25 years.
5—For their participation in three F.A. Cup semi-finals, 1900, 1903 and 1937 (when Sunderland beat them before their Wembley win against North End).
6—Long-serving former secretary Charlie Hewitt.

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O — MIDDLESBROUGH v. OXFORD UNITED
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The Supporters' Club are running a coach to Fulham on Saturday, 11th January, 1969. For further details of price and times contact The Travel Secretary, Mr. T. Dimmock, at the Clubhouse.
N.B. Please note that Fulham F.C. do not have a Supporters' Clubhouse at Craven Cottage.

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The meeting place on the ground for North End Supporters travelling to Fulham will be the Hammersmith End, covered terrace, behind the goal, price 5/-.

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